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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-31, 33-39, 41-47, 49-58, 60-62 and 66 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 33-39, 41-47, 49-58, 60-62 and 66 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 8-31 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 December 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 8-31 are objected to because of the following informalities: claim 8, which depends from claim 3, recites "first and second base brackets spaced apart from each other and combined to the base member." Claim 3 also recites a "base bracket combined to the base member."

Both the "first and second base brackets" and the "base bracket" are combined to the base member. This may cause potential confusion while interpreting the claim(s). As such, the Examiner suggests amending claim 3 to read "an install bracket" instead of "a base bracket." Appropriate correction is required. Claims 9-31 depend, either directly or indirectly, from claim 8 and are therefore objected to for at least the same reasons.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 2, 7 and 33-39, 41-47, 49-58, 60-62 and 66 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,819,550 to Jobs et al. (i.e., "Jobs '550" hereinafter) in view of U.S. Design Patent No. D489,370 also to Jobs et al. (i.e., "Jobs '370" hereinafter). Referring to claim 1, Jobs '550 discloses a monitor (see Figs. 34 and 35) including a monitor main body (3404) displaying an image

thereon, and a base member (3406) supporting the monitor main body, the monitor comprising a base hinge (3410B) coupled to the base member (3406), and a single link member (3402) rotatably combined to the base hinge (3410B) provided in the base member, a monitor hinge (3410A) coupled to the monitor main body (3404), and a first auxiliary link member (3412) disposed parallel to the link member (3402) at a first position deviated from first axes of the link hinge and the base hinge to connect the link member (3402) with the monitor hinge (3410A) and to transmit a rotary motion from the link member relative to the base member to the monitor hinge (see Figs. 34 and 35 and col. 41, line 26 through col. 42, line 46). Jobs '550 does not specifically teach providing both a lower link member and an upper link member, as well as a link hinge provided between the upper link member and the lower link member to connect the upper link member to the upper link member, to rotate upper link member relative to the lower link member, and to transmit a rotary motion from the lower link member relative to the base to the upper link member through the link hinge.

Jobs '370 discloses a design for a display device with a movable assembly (see Figs. 2, 4, 6 and 10), including both a lower link member (not numbered), an upper link member (not numbered), and a link hinge (not numbered) provided between the upper link member and the lower link member.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the monitor of Jobs '550 to include an additional link member and a link hinge, connecting the two link members, as taught by Job '370, since the

device of Job '370 would allow for placement of the monitor main body of Job '550 in a greater variety of positions (see Figs. 9-12 of Job '370).

Referring to claim 2, Jobs as modified discloses the device as claimed, including a second auxiliary link member (3903) disposed parallel to the lower link member at a second position deviated from second axes of the link hinge and the base hinge to inherently to connect the link hinge with the base member. See Figs. 39A and 39B of Jobs '550, and Figs. 1 and 2 of Jobs '370.

Referring to claim 7, Jobs as modified inherently discloses the device as claimed, since the upper link member of Jobs as modified would include at least the same auxiliary link member (3412) shown in Fig. 35 of Jobs '550 to connect the monitor hinge with the link hinge.

Referring to claim 36, Jobs as modified discloses a monitor, including a monitor main body (3404) displaying a picture thereon and a base member (3406) supporting the monitor main body, the monitor comprising a lower link member (not numbered) rotatably combined with the base member, an upper link member (not numbered) rotatably combined with the monitor main body, and a link hinge (not numbered) rotatably coupled between the upper link member and the lower link member to move the monitor main body with respect to the base member, wherein the monitor main body (3404) forms a main angle with the base member (3406) and is moved to be parallel to the base member according to movements of the lower and upper link members (although not specifically shown in this position, the modified device of Jobs is capable of such movement). See Figs. 1-18 of Jobs '370. Jobs as modified also discloses a

first auxiliary link member (3412) having one end rotatably coupled to the base member and another end rotatably coupled to the upper link member. See Fig. 35 of Jobs '550 and Fig. 10 of Jobs '370.

Referring to claims 33 and 34, Jobs as modified discloses the device as claimed, wherein the lower link forms a first angle with the base member, the upper link forms a second angle with the monitor main body, the lower and upper link members form a third angle, and the first, second, and third angles are changed when the monitor main body is moved with respect to the base member, and wherein the main angle can be maintained constant when the other (i.e., first, second and third) angles are changed. See Figs. 1, 2, 9 and 10 of Jobs '370.

Referring to claims 35 and 39, although Jobs as modified does not specifically show the lower link member disposed parallel to the base member when the main body member is disposed parallel to the base member, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to further modify the monitor of Jobs to provide said position, since this would provide for a compact arrangement for carrying purposes.

Referring to claims 37 and 44, Jobs as modified inherently discloses the device as claimed, wherein the first auxiliary link member (3412) is disposed on a line different from a center line passing through an axis of the link hinge. See Fig. 35 of Jobs '550 and Fig. 2 of Jobs '370.

Referring to claim 38, Jobs as modified discloses a monitor as claimed, further comprising a base hinge (3602) fixedly coupled to the base member (3406), wherein the

one end of the first auxiliary link member (3412) is rotatably coupled to the base hinge. See Figs. 35 and 36 of Jobs '550.

Referring to claim 41, Jobs as modified discloses the device as claimed, wherein the lower and upper link members form the minimum angle when the monitor main body is moved to be parallel to the base member (see Fig. 2 of Jobs '370), and the lower and upper link members form the maximum angle when the monitor main body is moved to be perpendicular to the base member (see Fig. 10 of Jobs '370).

Referring to claim 42, Jobs as modified inherently discloses the device as claimed, wherein the main angle is maintained constant while the lower and upper link members are moved between the maximum angle and the minimum angle, since both the upper and lower link members would include similar functioning devices.

Referring to claim 43, Jobs as modified inherently discloses the device as claimed. See Figs. 35-37 and the corresponding specification of Jobs '550.

Referring to claim 45, Jobs as modified discloses the device as claimed, wherein the first auxiliary link member (3900) comprises a plurality of link members (3903) disposed on lines from the center line passing through axes of the link hinge and the base hinge. See Fig. 39A of Jobs '550.

Referring to claim 46, Jobs as modified discloses the device as claimed, wherein the link members of the first auxiliary link member are disposed to be parallel to each other when the upper and lower link members are moved with respect to the base member (i.e., the separate interior links maintain parallel relationship to each other throughout the movement of the device).

Referring to claim 47, Jobs as modified discloses the device as claimed, wherein the link members of the first auxiliary link member are disposed to be parallel to the lower link member when the monitor main body moves with respect to the base member (i.e., the separate interior links maintain parallel relationship to the lower link throughout the movement of the device).

Referring to claim 49, Jobs as modified discloses a monitor, further comprising a second auxiliary link member (3903) having one end rotatably coupled to the base member and inherently having another end rotatably coupled to the link hinge (see Fig. 39A of Jobs '550 and Fig. 2 of Jobs '370)

Referring to claim 50, Jobs as modified discloses a monitor, wherein the second auxiliary link member (3903) is disposed on a line different from a center line passing through an axis of the link hinge (see Fig. 39A of Jobs '550 and Fig. 2 of Jobs '370).

Referring to claims 51-58 and 60-62, Jobs as modified discloses a monitor as claimed, wherein the second and third auxiliary links are numbered 3903 in Fig. 39A of Jobs '550.

Referring to claim 66, Job as modified discloses the monitor as claimed, including a first auxiliary link member (3412) inherently disposed parallel to the lower link member at a first position deviated from first axes of the link hinge and the base hinge to connect the lower link member with the upper link member through the link hinge and transmit a rotary motion from the lower link member relative to the base member to the upper link member through the link hinge, wherein the first auxiliary link

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comprises a plurality of pins (3431, 3441) coupled to be deviated from a rotating center of the monitor hinge and a rotating center of the link hinge, respectively. See Fig. 35 of

Claims 3-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Job '550 in view of Job '370, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,422,951 to Takahashi et al. Referring to claim 3, Job as modified discloses the invention as claimed, except for a base bracket to install the base member to a flat wall or an inclined wall.

Takahashi et al. disclose wall mounting (see Figs. 2, 6 and 7) an electronic device (i.e., a telephone), wherein a base bracket (22/30) is combined to a base member (20) to install the base member onto a plane (61/62). Takashashi et al. also disclose the base bracket (22/30) comprising at least one hook (see lower portion of Fig. 7), and the base member (20) comprising at least one hook hole (see lower portion of Fig. 7) receiving the hook to latch the base bracket to detachably combine the base bracket to the base member.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the monitor of Job to include a base bracket, as taught by Takashashi et al., since the device of Takashashi et al. would provide the monitor of Job with a simple and secure means of installing the monitor onto a wall for overhead viewing.

Referring to claim 4, Job as modified in view of Takashashi et al. disclose a monitor as claimed, including the base bracket (22/30) comprises at least one first combining hole (40b) to install the base bracket to the plain or inclined plane. See Figs. 6 and 7 of Takashashi et al.

Referring to claim 5, Job as modified in view of Takashashi et al. disclose a monitor as claimed, wherein the base bracket (22/30) comprises at least one second combining hole (40a) to be combined with the base member. Although a third combining hole corresponding to the second combining hole is not disclosed, it would have obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to further modify the base to include additional holes to provide better stability for the bracket.

Referring to claim 6, Job as modified in view of Takashashi et al. disclose a monitor as substantially claimed, since it is well known in the art of monitor brackets to provide a well-known standard, such as "VESA," to allow the device to be used in a variety settings.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 8-31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: regarding claim 8, the specific limitation of first and second base members, spaced-apart from each other and combined to the base member, such that the base hinge comprises first and second base hinge parts rotatably connecting lower opposite parts of the lower link member to the first and second base member, respectively, in combination with the remaining elements, is not taught or disclosed in the prior art references. Claims 9-29 depend, either directly or indirectly, from claim 8 and are would therefore be allowable.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony Q. Edwards whose telephone number is 571-272-2042. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:00-3:30) First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jayprakash N. Gandhi can be reached on 571-272-3740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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